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SUBJECT: CODEL MORGAN MEETING WITH SADAT

1. SUMMARY. AT JANUARY 6 MEETING, CODEL MORGAN AND PRESIDENT SADAT ENGAGED IN CORDIAL AND USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ME SITUATION AND US-EGYPT RELATIONS. AFTER OPENING STATEMENTS BY REPS FOUNTAIN AND BROOMFIELD STRESSING HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPACT IN US OF SADAT VISIT, PRESIDENT SADAT COMMENTED THE CURRENT STATE OF US RELATIONS EXCELLENT AND THANKED CONGRESS AND US PEOPLE FOR WARM RECEPTION MRS. SADAT AND HE RECEIVED IN US. CONCERNING PALESTINIAN PROBLEM, PRESIDENT SADAT MAINTAINED THAT PALESTINIAN EXTREMISTS CURRENTLY IN CONTROL OF PLO, AND ONLY US-PALESTINIAN DIALOGUE CAN BRING MODERATES TO FOREFRONT. WHILE APPEALING FOR PASSAGE OF FULL EGYPTIAN AID PACKAGE PROPOSED TO CONGRESS, SADAT NEVERTHELESS ALSO URGED CONGRESS NOT TO CUT AID PACKAGE PROPOSED FOR SYRIA, IN EFFORT TO REDUCE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN DAMASCUS. AT END OF MEETING, SADAT INFORMED CODEL THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD SOON FORMALLY REQUEST USG FOR DEFENSIVE ARMS. END SUMMARY.

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2. CODEL MORGAN, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE, MET WITH PRESIDENT

SADAT JANUARY 6 AT BARRAGES. REP FOUNTAIN OPENED DISCUSSION BY STRESSING TO SADAT APPRECIATION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT SUCH MIDDLE EASTERN LEADERS AS PRESIDENT SADAT, KING HUSSAIN, AND SHAH OF IRAN TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH CONGRESSMENT TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITIONS. HE STATED THAT CODEL SEEKING WAYS TO WORK TOWARD DURABLE PEACE BASED ON FOUNDATIONS ALREADY LAID BY SINAI II AGREEMENT. REP BROOMFIELD ADDED THAT EGYPT HAS MANY FRIENDS IN US, BOTH IN CONGRESS AND AMONG POPULATION, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT COURAGEOUS SADAT LEADERSHIP WOULD, IN TANDEM WITH FORD ADMINISTRATION, FIND MEANS TO OVERCOME MYRIAD PROBLEMS STILL AHEAD AND WORK TOWARD ACCEPTABLE PEACE FOR ALL PARTIES IN ME.

3. SADAT OPENING STATEMENT EXPRESSED HIS AND EGYPTIAN PEOPLE'S DEEP GRATITUDE TO CONGRESS AND US PEOPLE FOR NEW ERA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. PRESIDENT STATED THAT ALL EGYPT DESIRES IS THAT USG TAKE OBJECTIVE LOOK AT ME SITUATION, NOT THAT IT DROP SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL. SADAT STATED THAT DURING JUNE 1975 SALZBURG MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD, PROGRAM HAD BEEN WORKED OUT FOR FUTURE STEPS TOWARD ME PEACE, AND THIS STRATEGY WAS MOVING FORWARD. PRESIDENT STATED THAT EXCELLENT STATE OF US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS REFLECTS DEEP YEARNING OF EGYPTIANS FOR PEACE.

4. REP FINDLEY TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO THANK SADAT FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE HE RENDERED IN SECURING RELEASE OF US CITIZENS DETAINED IN PDRY. REP FINDLEY ALSO POINTED OUT TO SADAT RECENT PASSAGE OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE EXTENSION ACT UNDER TITLE XII BY WHICH US LAND-GRANT COLLEGES CAN OBTAIN FUNDS TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROGRAMS IN AREAS PLAGUED BY FOOD PROBLEMS.

5. REP WINN INFORMED SADAT THAT MANY IN CONGRESS ARE IMPRESSED WITH SADAT LEADERSHIP AND REP LAGOMARSINO PRAISED POLITICAL COURAGE SHOWN BY SADAT IN HIS POLICY POSITIONS AND HIS AGREEING TO SINAI II ACCORD.

6. IN INTERESTING SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE WHICH FOLLOWED, REP BROOMFIELD ASKED FOR SADAT'S REACTION TO 2:3 BILLION DOLLAR CONFIDENTIAL

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AID PACKAGE PROPOSED FOR ISRAEL. SADAT RESPONDED THAT US AID FOR ISRAEL IS AMERICAN PROBLEM IN WHICH GOE HAS NO DESIRE TO INTERFERE. HE CITED EGYPT'S NEED FOR ASSISTANCE, STRESSING AS AN EXAMPLE EGYPTIAN NEED TO REPAIR DAMAGED INFRASTRUCTURE. SADAT THANKED US CONGRESS FOR VOTING FUNDS FOR EGYPTIAN EARLY WARNING STATION AND FOR CLEARANCE OPERATION CONDUCTED IN SUEZ CANAL. SADAT STATED THAT, IN LIGHT OF NEW PSYCHOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING IN US OF EGYPTIAN PROBLEMS, HE HOPED CONGRESS

WOULD REALIZE IMPORTANCE OF APPROVING EGYPTIAN AID PACKAGE TO SHORE UP PARLOUS ECONOMIC SITUATION. SADAT COMMENTED THAT DOUBTS OF OTHERS CONCERNING EVENTUAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF SINAI TECHNICIANS HAD NEVER BEEN SHARED BY HIMSELF AND LIKEWISE HE HOPED FOR PASSAGE OF EGYPTIAN AID PACKAGE.

6. REP FINDLEY URGED SADAT TO ENCOURAGE OTHER EGYPTIAN SPOKESMEN TO TRAVEL TO US TO EXPLAIN ARAB POSITION. HE NOTED THAT TWO YEARS AGO NOBODY TALKED ABOUT ARAB PROBLEMS, WHEREAS, IN AFTERMATH OF SADAT US VISIT, MUCH BETTER UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

7. REP FOUNTAIN THEN RAISED ISSUE OF PALESTINIANS, NOTING GROWING RECOGNITION IN CONGRESS THAT PALESTINIAN PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED AS PART OF ANY OVERALL ME PEACE SETTLEMENT. REP WINN THEN ASKED PRESIDENT IF EGYPTIANS WERE SURPRISED BY VIOLENT US REACTION AGAINST UNGA RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM. SADAT STATED ZIONISM HAD BROUGHT VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM TO ME AREA, WHERE JEWS, WHO HAD LARGELY DOMINATED ECONOMIES, HAD PREVIOUSLY LIVED PEACEABLY AMONG ARABS. SADAT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EGYPTIANS WERE IN FACT ASTONISHED BY US REACTION TO UNGA RESOLUTION, COMMENTING THAT US TOO FAR FROM ME AREA TO APPRECIATE ARAB EMOTIONS ON ZIONIST ISSUE.

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8. REP FOUNTAIN INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR NEW  
DISENGAGEMENT ON GOLAN. SADAT STATED THAT SYRIA CURRENTLY  
IN PHASE OF "AUCTIONEERING" RE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. HE  
POINTED TO JANUARY 5 STATEMENT BY DEPPRIMIN/FONMIN FAHMY  
THAT EGYPTIANS DID NOT WANT ANY TAMPERING WITH UNSC  
RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 DURING UPCOMING DEBATE ON ME  
SITUATION. SADAT FEARED, HOWEVER, THAT SYRIANS, AT  
URGING OF SOVIETS, WOULD ENDEAVOR TO SCORE TACTICAL POINTS  
AT UNSC DEBATE AT EXPENSE OF GENUINE MOVEMENT TOWARD EITHER  
NEW GOLAN WITHDRAWAL OR OVERALL SETTLEMENT.

9. REP FINDLEY INQUIRED WHETHER SADAT BELIEVED THAT  
PALESTINIAN STATE ON WEST BANK WOULD SATISFY PALESTINIAN  
ASPIRATIONS. SADAT STATED THAT EXTREMISTS PRESENTLY CALLING  
TUNE IN PLO, AT EXPENSE OF MODERATES SUCH AS PLO CHAIRMAN  
ARAFAT. PRESIDENT POINTED OUT THAT EXTREMISTS, BACKED  
BY SYRIA AND USSR, COULD ONLY BE UPSTAGED BY BEGINNING OF  
US-PALESTINIAN DIALOGUE WHICH WOULD BRING  
MODERATE PALESTINIAN ELEMENTS TO PROMINENCE. SADAT OPINED  
THAT PALESTINIAN STATE CONSISTING OF WEST BANK, GAZA, AND A  
CORRIDOR THROUGH ISRAEL WAS ACCEPTABLE TO MAJORITY  
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OF PALESTINIANS AND SUPPORT FOR THIS TYPE OF SOLUTION WOULD  
BE FACILITATED BY A US-PALESTINIAN DIALOGUE. REP FOUNTAIN  
THEN ASKED WHOM SADAT CONSIDERED TO BE MODERATE PALESTINIANS.  
SADAT ANSWERED THAT ARAFAT AND FATAH REPRESENTED MODERATE  
TENDENCY IN PLO, BUT THAT US VETO IN RECENT UNSC DEBATE ON  
ISRAEL AIR RAIDS INTO LEBANON HAD PRACTICALLY PUT PLO UNDER  
SYRIAN GUARDIANSHIP. FOR THIS REASON, SADAT STATED, HE HAD  
FOUND IT NECESSARY TO STATE PUBLICLY ON RECENT OCCASIONS  
THAT ALL ARAB COUNTRIES SHOULD KEEP "HANDS OFF THE PLO."

10. REP FOUNTAIN ASKED WHAT PRESIDENT CONSIDERED NEXT STEP  
ON ROAD TO PEACE. SADAT FIRST NOTED THAT DURING 1976, US,  
WHICH HOLDS 99 PERCENT OF CARDS IN ME SITUATION, WOULD BE  
EXTREMELY BUSY WITH ELECTIONS. THEREFORE, GOE FAVORS  
RECONVENING OF GENEVA MEPC WITH PLO INCLUDED (DESPITE  
ISRAELI OPPOSITION) TO WORK TO CREATE FRAMEWORK FOR EVENTUAL  
COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE REACHED IN 1977 AFTER  
US ELECTIONS. SADAT STATED THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, SOVIETS  
SUPPORT RECONVENING MEPC, NOTING THAT THEY FELT LEFT OUT OF  
PEACE PROCESS AND CURRENTLY FEAR FOR THEIR POSITION IN ME.  
HE OBSERVED THAT SOVIETS WERE FURIOUS OVER ARRANGEMENTS TO  
STATION US TECHNICIANS IN SINAI. SADAT CONCLUDED THAT  
SOVIETS WILL GLADLY GO TO GENEVA, BUT WILL - PROBABLY USE  
MEPC TO CREATE MORE TROUBLE.

11. REP WILSON ASKED WHETHER PRESIDENT BELIEVES SYRIANS COULD PATIENTLY WAIT UNTIL END OF 1976. SADAT COMMENTED THAT SYRIANS SUPPOSEDLY WERE TO HAVE BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW ACCORD ON GOLAN BY OCTOBER 15, BUT UNDER RUSSIAN URGING, SYRIA NOW TRYING TO RAISE ANTI ("AUCTIONEERING") FOR NEW AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH SYRIANS GENUINELY WANT NEW ACCORD, DAMASCUS TOO "TOUCHY" IN FACE OF NEGATIVE ISRAELI STATEMENTS THAT NO MEANINGFUL GOLAN EVACUATION POSSIBLE. PRESIDENT JOKED THAT HE HAD LEARNED NOT TO HEED SUCH ISRAELI STATEMENTS, SAYING "I AM NOT TOUCHY."

12. REP WILSON ASKED WHETHER PRESIDENT PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD DEEP UNHAPPINESS IN US OF POLITICIZATION OF UN OVER PALESTINIAN ISSUE. SADAT STATED THAT TIME HAS COME FOR US TO UNDERSTAND THAT FOR 27 YEARS PALESTINIANS WERE DENIED THEIR RIGHTS. IT WAS ONLY NATURAL, IN VIEW OF THIS  
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INJUSTICE, THAT INCREASING PRESSURES SHOULD BE BROUGHT UPON ISRAEL, NOT UPON THE PALESTINAIANS.

13. REP FOUNTAIN ASKED SADAT'S OPINION ON AID PROGRAM PROPOSED FOR SYRIA SINCE LITTLE SENTIMENT CURRENTLY EXISTS IN CONGRESS TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF SYRIAN PACKAGE. SADAT STATED THAT, ALTHOUGH SYRIANS ATTACKING HIM PERSONALLY OVER SINAI II, HE BELIEVED THAT CONGRESS SHOULD PASS SYRIAN PACKAGE, TO KEEP DAMASCUS FROM FALLING COMPLETELY UNDER SOVIET INFLUENCE.

14. AS MEETING WAS ABOUT TO CONCLUDE, SADAT INTRODUCED QUESTION OF EGYPTIAN PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING MILITARY SUPPLIES. SADAT POINTED OUT THAT ISRAEL AND SYRIA HAD RECEIVED, FROM US AND USSR, REPLACEMENTS FOR LOSSES IN OCTOBER 1973 WAR PRIOR TO CEASEFIRE. EGYPT, ON OTHER HAND, DUE TO ANTI-SADAT SOVIET POLICY WHICH REFLECTED IN CURRENT STAGNATION OF EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, HAD, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, RECEIVED NO ARMS. AS A RESULT, SADAT INFORMED CODEL THAT HE WOULD "IN NEAR FUTURE" REQUEST DEFENSIVE ARMS FROM USG. UPON OBJECTION BY REP WILSON THAT SUCH REQUEST WOULD FACE ROUGH SLEDDING IN CONGRESS, SADAT CONCEDED HE WELL AWARE THIS FACT, BUT AT PRESENT HE MERELY ENGAGED IN PREPARING OPINION AND SERVING NOTICE THAT SUCH ARMS REQUESTS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

15. COMMENT: EXCHANGE BETWEEN CODEL TOOK PLACE IN FRIENDLY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WITH CODEL WIVES AND MRS. SADAT PRESENT AS WELL AS PLAYFUL SADAT PUPPY. CODEL CONVEYED SERIOUSNESS OF THEIR INTEREST IN CONTRIBUTING TO EFFORT TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ME PROBLEM. SADAT RESPONDED TO EXPRESSION OF

CODEL'S RESPECT FOR HIS REALISTIC AND COURAGEIOUS POLICY  
WITH AFFIRMATION OF EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP FOR AMERICAN PEOPLE  
AND HIS INTENTION TO COOPERATE WITH USG TO FURTHER PEACE  
PROCESS. HIS FRANK AND OPEN MANNER COUPLED WITH SINCERITY  
OF INTEREST ON PART OF CODEL RESULTED IN USEFUL AND INTERESTING  
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

16. CODEL HAS REVIEWED ABOVE ACCOUNT OF MEETING.  
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